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SUBJECT: SAUDI CROWN PRINCE FAHD REMARKS ON QATARI SUCCESSION
QUESTION

1. APR 16 EDITION OF QATARI DAILY "AL ARAB" CARRIED TEXT OF
INTERVIEW HELD RECENTLY IN RIYADH BETWEEN SAUDI CROWN PRINCE FAHD
AND AHMED AL JARA ALLAH, CHIEF EDITOR OF KUWAITI NEWSPAPER "AL
SIYASA." INTERVIEW COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS, INCLUDING
QUESTION ON SAUDI INVOLVEMENT IN THE SELECTION OF A QATARI
CROWN PRINCE. ACCORDING TO TEXT IN "AL ARAB", CROWN PRINCE FAHD
REPLIED THAT SAUDI ARABIA IS AGAINST INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS
OF OTHER COUNTRIES. HE CONTINUED THAT THE QUESTION OF SUCCESSION
AND OF A CROWN PRINCE IN QATAR IS STRICTLY A QATARI PROBLEM AND
THAT THE AMIR OF QATAR IS QUITE CAPABLE OF DECIDING ON HIS OWN ON
THIS ISSUE. HE CONCLUDED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND
QATAR ARE EXCELLENT IN ALL AREAS.

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2. ACCORDING TO "AL ARAB", TEXT OF INTERVIEW WITH FAHD WAS
TO APPEAR SIMULTANEOUSLY IN FOLLOWING PAPERS: EGYPTIAN "AL
AHRAM", BAHRAIN "AL ADWA" AND ABU DHABI "ITIHAD".

3. COMMENT: SPECULATION OF SAUDI INVOLVEMENT IN THE SELECTION
OF THE QATARI CROWN PRINCE CONTINUES TO BE PRIME TOPIC OF

DISCUSSION HERE, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE CAN RECALL PUBLIC
STATEMENT BY A SAUDI OFFICIAL ON THIS YET-TO-BE-SOLVED QATARI
QUESTION.
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